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DATA

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S LEGITIMATE CONCERN THAT
SUDANESE MILITARY'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL
EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR GROUND FORCES AND NAVY THROUGH USG
INVOLVEMENT COULD SEVERELY JEOPARDIZE PROGRESS ON SALE
OF U.S. AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE. IT IS APPARENT THAT GENERAL
MAJID AND HIS COLLEAGUES, PERHAPS WITH THE TACIT APPROVAL

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OF NIMEIRI, HOPE TO PLACATE ALL ELEMENTS OF THEIR ARMED
FORCES AND TO INVOLVE THE USG WITH THE SAUDIS IN THE
FINANCING OF SUDANESE DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. WHILE SURVEY
TEAM REPORT WAS DESIGNED, IN PART, TO GIVE SUDAN THE DATA
NECESSARY TO APPROACH THE SAUDIS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHAS-
ING DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT, IT IS THE SUDANESE RESPONSIBILITY
TO MAKE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE REPORT TOWARD THIS END.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT AMBASSADOR, IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH NIMEIRI, OR THROUGH THE DENG CHANNEL, MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE IS ALL WE ARE PREPARED TO ADDRESS AT THIS TIME. IN THIS REGARD, DOD WILL PROVIDE

AS EXACT FIGURES AS POSSIBLE ON THIS PACKAGE BY THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. NIMEIRI MAY BE ADVISED THAT CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCESS ON AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE IS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION.

3. THE SUDANESE REQUEST FOR COSTING DATA ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT PRESENTED BY MAJID PRESENTS US WITH A DIFFICULT PROBLEM. COSTING DATA ON EQUIPMENT ALTERNATIVES IN WESTERN EUROPE IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE. FURTHER, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO OFFER DATA ON FOREIGN ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT. NIMEIRI MAY WISH TO PROVIDE HIS LIST OF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO WESTERN DEFENSE ATTACHES IN KHARTOUM TO SOLICIT COST ESTIMATES. WE FULLY SUPPORT SUDAN'S INTEREST IN DIVERSIFYING THEIR SOURCES OF ARMS SUPPLY.

4. WHILE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO CONSIDER FURTHER SUDANESE PURCHASES OF MAJOR U.S. EQUIPMENT UNDER FMS AT THIS TIME, WE REMAIN WILLING TO CONSIDER, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SALES. ALL PENDING REQUESTS BY U.S.
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FIRMS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE SALE OF U.S. DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO SUDAN HAVE BEEN GRANTED. THESE REQUESTS INCLUDED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (M-113), COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND RADAR. SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES VALUED OVER \$25 MILLION MUST BE CONSUMMATED AS FMS TRANSACTIONS. SALES LESS THAN \$7 MILLION MAY BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF MUNITION CONTROL WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. SALES OF MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OVER \$7 MILLION REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. CERTAIN EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ARTILLERY, HOWEVER, IS NOT AVAILABLE IN COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

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